

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BELFAS 00080 101648Z

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 DHA-02 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 ACDA-10 /094 W

-----110335Z 108492 /75

R 101512Z MAR 77

FM AMCONSUL BELFAST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1602

INFO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

USNAVCOMMSTA LONDON DERRY

UNCLAS BELFAST 080

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, UK, EI

SUBJECT: DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE SEES ANTI-POLICE

PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN

REF: BELFAST 78 (NOTAL)

1. ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC) SENIOR DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE HARRY BAILLIE, IN ABSENCE FROM PROVINCE OF CHIEF CONSTABLE NEWMAN, RELEASED STATEMENT MARCH 10 DEFENDING RUC AGAINST ALLEGATIONS OF BRUTALITY. LONG (AND UNUSUAL) STATEMENT POINTED TO "TWO TERRORIST WARS GOING ON IN NORTHERN IRELAND. THERE IS THE PHYSICAL WAR OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION AND THERE IS THE PROPAGANDA WAR OF WORDS IN WHICH EVERY CONCEIVABLE DISHONESTY, HYPOCRISY AND THREAT IS EMPLOYED TO SUSTAIN THE PHYSICAL CAMPAIGN." MR. BAILLIE SAID IT WAS QUITE CLEAR THAT THERE WAS A RENEWED AND ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN TO BLACKEN THE RUC IN THE EYES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND WORLD AT LARGE. HE DENIED ALLEGATIONS THAT SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS WOULD ALLOW OR CONDONE PRACTICE OF BRUTALITY BUT DENIED ALSO THAT HE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BELFAS 00080 101648Z

SUGGESTING NO COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE WERE JUSTIFIED BE THAT NO POLICE OFFICER EVER ACTED OUTSIDE LAW. BAILLIE CLAIMED COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATION SYSTEM IS PROBABLY MOST RIGOROUS IN UNITED KINGDOM AND NOTED FILES ON ALL COMPLAINTS ALLEGING CRIMINAL OFFENSES BY POLICE ARE SENT TO INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS.

2. THERE QUICK AND CRITICAL REACTION TO BAILLIE STATEMENT FROM CATHOLICS. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) SPOKESMAN ON LAW-AND-ORDER, MICHAEL CANAVAN, STOOD BY SDLP STATEMENT (REFTEL) THAT ILL-TREATMENT OF SUSPECTS UNDER INTERROGATION WAS APPROVED AT "HIGH-LEVEL." FATHER DENIS FAUL AND FATHER BRIAN BRADY SAID THEY HAD BEEN MAKING ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE BRUTALITY SINCE 1971 AND DENIED THEY WERE "TERRORISTS AND LIARS." CRITICISM CAME ALSO FROM LESS OBJECTIVE NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN AND (OFFICIAL) REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

SPICER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PROPAGANDA, SPEECHES, TERRORISTS, CIVIL DISORDERS, POLICE FORCES, PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 10-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BELFAS00080
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770083-0880
Format: TEL
From: BELFAST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770375/aaaacnta.tel
Line Count: 74
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c3b9d1ba-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 BELFAST 78
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3155060
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE SEES ANTI-POLICE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, UK, EI, IRA, SDLP, ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY, (BAILLIE, HARRY)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c3b9d1ba-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009